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OPERATIONAL REMARKS
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0000-0400

Base course 312°T. Speed 260 r.p.m.s. LST 466 as guide, LST 202, LST 470 and LST 468 escorted by YMS 52 proceeding to Cape Sudest, New Guinea. Convoy now running the Tufi Range.
0006 Base course 350°T.
0019 Bearing: Hall light 321°T. Upper Tufi Range light 298°T. Lower Tufi Range light 291°T.
0027 Bearing: Hall light 313°T. Upper Tufi Range light 283½°T, Lower Tufi Range light 268°T.
0047 Base course 324°T.
0050 Bearing: Hall light 259°T. Upper Tufi Range light 235°T. Lower Tufi Range Light 210°T.
0130 Base Course 270°T. Bearing: Spear Island Light 252°T. Hall Light 160°T.
0132-0134 Steering 268°-265 to bring us in nearer to shore. We had steered out for vessel to pass on port.
0224 Ship sighted bearing 221° relative.
0225 Beam Bearing Spear Island 175°T. Distance 2.15 miles.
0333 Base course 306°T.
0338 Range and masthead lights turned on, as liberty ship passes on our port.
0355 Range and masthead lights off.

H. N. Miller
Ens. H. N. Miller
Ens. C. Macmurdo
Ens. C. Macmurdo

0400-0800

Base Course 306°T. Steering 306° p.g.c.
0445 Lights believed to be Oro Bay sighted broad on port bow.
0600 Cape Sudest believed to be cluster of lights broad on port bow. Six APD's, Three LST's at anchor and a large Convoy of LCI's underway.
0610 All engines ahead 1/3.
0630 LSR to 265°T.
0637 All engines stopped, Sunrise, running lights turned off. Lt. Comdr. Schlott on board to anchor us.
0655 All engines ahead 1/3.
0700 All engines ahead 2/3's. Steering 260°T.
0720 Port engine stopped, hard left rudder, starboard engine stopped.
0725 Rudder amidships, all engines ahead 1/3.
0727 All engines stopped.
0729 Bow anchor dropped in 27 fathoms of water; 70 fathoms of chain let out. Anchored off Cape Sudest.

J F Norberg
Ens. J. F. Norberg

0800-1200

Anchored as before. Weather overcast and dark.
0800 Observed Colors.
0855 Binnacle light repaired.

Ens. C. Macmurdo
Ens. C. Macmurdo

1200-1600

Anchored as before.

Approved:
A. M. Graham
Commanding Officer.

Examined:
W. E. [illegible], Lt(jg) USNR
Navigator.

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1430 LCPR raised in starboard davits.

H. N. Miller
Ens. H. N. Miller

1600-2000

Anchored as before.
1905 S.C. 734 alongside to pick up Lt. Hamilton.
1907 Lt. Hamilton on board SC 734.
1909 SC 734 shoves off.
1922 Sunset, ship darkened.

J F Norberg
Ens. J. F. Norberg

2000-2400

Anchored as before.
2200 Kerchner, Thomas (n) 651-69-26 (GM 3c) V6, orders dated 12/7/43. Com. 7 Amphib. For. transfer order #246. Serial P. 1331 of 3 Dec., 1946 to LST 452.

Ens L. Curra
Ens. L. Curra

Approved:

H. M. Graham
Commanding Officer.

Examined:

W. E. Thygesen Lt(jg) USNR
Navigator.

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Position	0800	1200	2000
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OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400

Anchored off of Cape Sudest, New Guinea by bow anchor in 29 fathoms of water with 70 fathoms of bow anchor chain out. Weather cloudy.
0130 SC 734 alongside. Lt. Hamilton aboard.
0305 Yellow alert.

Ens. C. Macmurdo
Ens. C. Macmurdo

0400-0800

Anchored as before.
0415 All clear. Secure from Yellow alert.
0632 Sunrise.
0745 Muster. All present or accounted for.

H. N. Miller
Ens. H. N. Miller

0800-1200

Anchored as before.
0830 Pursuant to orders of Amphibious Training Center, U.S. Navy 146 and by authority of Com. 7th Amphibious Force, transfer order #246, serial P1331 of 3 December, 1943, Fitzpatrick, Wm. Henry, 669-55-10, GM 3c, V-6 USNR and Jackson, Charles Edward, 563-05-31, GM 3c, V-6 USNR, transferred to LST 452 for further transfer to LST 453.

J. F. Norberg
Ens. J. F. Norberg

1200-1600

Anchored as before.
1255 LCPR 165 h.p., 8 cylinder, Hull #C-9546, Engine Serial #M8-9243 with Blake, William Lawson, 624-89-13, F 1c, V-6 USNR to LST 456 per order Com. LST Group 20, temporary.
1500 Lt.(jg) Pat M. Keane, USNR, O-V(S), orders AE1/P16-4(4)00: Com. Seventh Fleet. Serial P-1364 of 7 Dec., 1943, File No. 260,105, Reporting for assignment of duty by Com. Flot. 7.

Ens. L. Curra
Ens. L. Curra

1600-2000

Anchored as before, weather fair and clear.
1600 Special sea detail set.
1616 Underway to beach at Cape Sudest.
1630 Condition 1-Mike set.
1700 Beached at Cape Sudest between Jetty A and B.
1745 Secured from Condition 1-Mike.
1845 Commenced loading bulk cargo and then trucks, jeeps and tanks.
1921 Observed sunset and colors.

Ens. C. Macmurdo
Ens. C. Macmurdo

Approved:
H. M. Graham
Commanding Officer.

Examined:
R. E. Thygesen, Lt(jg) USNR
Navigator.

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2000-2400

Beached as before. Order of ships on beach from south to north: LST 465, LST 466, LST 204, LST 66, LST 18. After starboard stern line secured to LST 204. After port stern line secured to Jetty B. Loading continues.

H. N. Miller
Ens. H. N. Miller

Approved:
H. M. Graham
Commanding Officer.

Examined:
R. E. Thygesen, Lt(jg) USNR
Navigator.

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Zone description -10

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			
Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400

Beached as before at Cape Sudest, New Guinea between jetty A and jetty B, 100 yards north of jetty A. LST 204 is beached about 50 yards to our starboard, then LST 66 and 18. Four hundred feet of stern anchor cable out. One stern line running to LST 204 and one to jetty B on our port. Also a port and starboard bow line connected to beach. Loading continues. Marine equipment and vehicles are being loaded.

0200 Completed loading top deck; elevator secured.

J F Norberg
Ens. J. F. Norberg

0400-0800

Beached as before.
0445 Loading discontinued until Friday.
0632 Observed sunrise.

Ens. L. Curra

0800-1200

Beached as before. Weather fair.
0800 Observed Colors.
0810 Condition ~~Colors~~. I-M set.
0910 Retracking from beach.
0934 Off the beach. Proceeding to anchorage.
0950 Anchored by bow anchor about 2000 yards from beach at Cape Sudest, New Guinea in 9 fathoms of water with 30 fathoms of anchor chain out.
0955 Condition 1-Mike secured.
1000 Report: All fire hoses connected and spanners in place. All dogging equipment in place.

Ens. C. Macmurdo
Ens. C. Macmurdo

1200-1600

Anchored as before.
1305 Army LCV #463(A) to be hoisted in davits for trip to far shore, alongside. The following officer and men in charge of boat came aboard. They are attached to the 592nd Engineer Boat and Shore Regiment 2nd E.S.B.
2nd Lt. Levy, Ira W. 0-915319
PFC Waxman, Daniel (NMI) 32242598
T/5 Glancy, Gordon C. 37274141
T/4 Welch, Arthur R. 32226198
T/4 Hall, Herbert (NMI) 35401504
T/5 Moy, Hung G. 32319963
Pvt. Roman, Edward A. 35534073
1400 Army LCV #463(A) hoisted in starboard davits.
1500 Ammunition rounds in 40MM gun turret replaced by new ones.

H N Miller
Ens. H. N. Miller

Approved:
H. M. Graham
Commanding Officer.

Examined:
J. E. Thygesen, Lt(jg) USNR
Navigator.

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OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

1600-2000

Anchored as before.
1922 Sunset; ship darkened.

J. F. Norberg
Ens. J. F. Norberg

2000-2400

Anchored as before.
2030 Darkened ship.
2345 Bow anchor chain let out to 55 fathoms at waters edge.

Ens L. Curra
Ens. L. Curra

Approved:

H. M. Graham
Commanding Officer.

Examined:

J. R. Thygesen Lt(jg) USNR
Navigator.

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Position	0800	1200	2000
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Long.			

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400

Anchored off Cape Sudest, New Guinea by bow anchor in 9 fathoms of water with 50 fathoms of anchor chain out. Weather rainy and overcast.

Ens. C. Macmurdo
Ens. C. Macmurdo

0400-0800

Anchored as before.
0634 Sunrise.
0708 YMS 52 approaching our port side to take on water.
0710 YMS 52 moored starboard side to our port side.
0714 Started pumping water to YMS 52.
0745 Muster. All present or accounted for.
0755 Ceased pumping water to YMS 52. 1193 gals. pumped.

H. N. Miller
Ens. H. N. Miller

0800-1200

Anchored as before.
0800 Abserved colors.
0825 Five cases of 50 cal. ammunition given to YMS 49, 265 rounds per case (4-A.PM1), (1-tr. M1).
0900 Condition 1-M set, preparing to get underway.
0915 Anchor's aweigh. Maneuvering to beach.
1001 Stern anchor let go. 400 feet out.
1002 Beached 100 feet from LST 171 which is on our port side. We are beached at Sudest Bay. Difficulty experienced in lining up bow exactly with built out ramp from beach. Working with engines and with lines to square it up.
1046 Bow doors opening.
1047 Bow doors opened, dropping ramp.
1128 Ship's heading 281° p.g.c. Secure from 1-M, secure main engines.
1135 Magazines and powder samples in normal condition.
1145 Commenced loading. Chronometers reported wound.
1150 Shipps B. M., Lt.(jg) S.C., USNR (155235) and Haviland, Arthur, CSK, USNR left ship pursuant to verbal orders of Captain Mallard.

J. F. Norberg
Ens. J. F. Norberg

1200-1600

Beached as before, slot #2.
1320 Loading completed. Equipment of Combat Team "B" & "C" USMC.
1430 Fuel & water report. On hand: Fuel 49967 gals. Water 94,075 Gals.
1430 Mueller, R. F. (F 1c) 563 08 18, USNR injured right hand with pair of deviders while working in personnel boat.

Ens L. Curra
Ens. L. Curra

1600-2000

Beached as before.
1922 Sunset.

Ens. C. Macmurdo
Ens. C. Macmurdo

Approved:
H. M. Graham
Commanding Officer.

Examined:
W. C. [illegible], Lt(jg) USNR
Navigator.

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2000-2400

Beached as before.

H. N. Miller
Ens. H.N. Miller

Approved:
H. M. Graham
Commanding Officer.

Examined:
R. E. Thyssen, Lt(jg) USNR
Navigator.

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Zone description -10

Position	0800	1200	2000
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OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400

Beached as before at Cape Sudest, New Guinea. 400 feet of stern anchor cable out. Secured to beach by two bow lines and two lines from midships. Ships heading 281° p.g.c.

J F Norberg
Ens. J. F. Norberg

0400-0800

Beached as before.
0634 Observed sunrise.

Ens L Curra
Ens. L. Curra

0800-1200

Beached as before.
0800 Observed colors.
0930 Ten anchor slabs aboard from USS Conyngham.
0932 One bottle oxygen to LST 474.
1130 U.S. Marines began coming aboard.

Ens. C. Macmurdo
Ens. C. Macmurdo

1200-1600

Beached as before.
1300 All Marine troops abroad consisting of 56 Officers and 558 enlisted men and 6 War Correspondents. Combat Team B and C.
1500 Gyro error by Azimuth is $\frac{1}{2}$° westerly.

H. N. Miller
Ens. H. N. Miller

1600-2000

Beached as before.
1615 Wallace, Edward, War Correspondent aboard, per orders Seventh Amphibious Force dated December, 1943, FE25/A21, Serial 00403-43, signed by Rear Admiral D. E. Barbey.
1632 Preparing to retract from beach; ramp raised.
1636 Lines cast off, bow doors closed.
~~1637~~ ~~Mr. Edward Wallace, accredited War Correspondent, on board attached to ship by orders from Admiral Barbey, dated December, 1943, FE25/A21, Serial 00403-43, Reference, Com. 7 Amphib. rest: ltr.: Serial 1158, of 5 December, 1943. He is attached to this Ship for Dexterity operation.~~
1640 All engines back full.
1645 All engines stopped, ship is off beach.
1647 Stern anchor up and housed. Ship maneuvered into course 090° p.g.c. Speed standard, 250 r.p.m.'s. Heading for Buna anchorage.
1709 Left rudder to 080° p.g.c.
1725 Left rudder to 065° p.g.c.
1726 Left standard rudder 325° p.g.c.
1818 Steer 300° p.g.c.
1823 Right standard rudder to 330° p.g.c.

Approved:
H. M. Graham
Commanding Officer.

Examined:
W. E. Thygesen Lt(jg) USNR
Navigator.

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1600-2000

1827	All engines ahead 2/3's.
1830	All engines ahead 1/3.
1831	All engines stopped, all engines back 2/3's.
1832	Bow anchor let go to 50 fathoms, sounding forward 23 fathoms.
1838	All engines stopped, main engines secured, bow anchor secured.
1845	Bearings: Gumboro Hill 317½°, four mile buoy 200°.
1902	LST 464 coming along port side to take on water.
1904	Lines secured fore and aft.
1912	commenced delivering water.
1925	Sunset, colors observed.

J F Horberg
Ens. J. F. Horberg

2000-2400

Anchored as before.
LST 464 moored starboard side to our port side to receive water.

Ens. L. Curra
Ens. L. Curra

Approved:

H M Graham
Commanding Officer.

Examined:

N. E. Thygesen, Lt(jg) USNR
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP LST 466 Saturday (Day) 25 (Date) December (Month), 1943

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Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	7°47'5S	7°17'S	6°03'S
Long.	148°05'E	148°01'E	147°46'E

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
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0000-0400

Anchored about one mile south of Buna 4 mile buoy by bow anchor in
30 fathoms of water with 50 fathoms of bow anchor chain out.
LST 464 moored starboard side to our port side receiving water.
0005 Completed giving 14,980 gallons of fresh water to LST 464.
Water on hand 72,327 gallons.
0015 LST 464 shoves off.
0130 Pursuant to orders of Commander 7th Amphibious Force dated 21
December, 1943, SerialP16-3/MM 776-43, Hozak, Frank John, MoMM 2c
723 22 11, USNR reported aboard with seabag for duty.
0200 Anchor detail set.
0300 Anchors aweigh. Underway for Yellow Beach #two in accordance with CTF 76 operatio
76 operation plan 3B-43.
0305 Steering course 340°T. All engines 250 r.p.m.
0312 Base course changed to 331°T.
0312 Anchor detail secured.

Ens. C. Macmurdo
Ens. C. Macmurdo

0400-0800

Base course 331°T. Speed 250 r.p.m.'s.
0411 Gyro disturbance indicator sounded, then switched off. Master Gyro
checked and found to be operating normally. Magnetic heading is
1½° to the right of 0400 reading.
0646 Sunrise.
0700 Obtained time tick. Correct time reported to conn.
0707 Mitre Rock on port beam bearing 241°T.
0717 Speed 2/3.
0720 Plane sighted bearing 270°, elevation 30°. Identified as P-47.
0728 Submarine reported in vicinity. All stations notified to maintain
sharp lookout.
0733 Gunfire practice at 0900. All stations notified.
0737 Speed standard 250 r.p.m.'s.

H. N. Miller
Ens. H. N. Miller

0800-1200

Base course 331°T, steering 331° p.g.c. Speed standard, all
engines 250 r.p.m. Position 7°47'5S lat., 148°05'E Long.
0810 Right rudder to 354° p.g.c.
0830 General quarters called for test firing of guns.
0901 Commenced test firing of guns. All machine gun's, all 20MM guns
and 40MM fired.
0908 Secured from general quarters, ammunition expended: 40MM fired
11 rounds; 20MM No. 1, 10 rounds; 20MM No. 2, 11 Rounds;
20MM No. 3, 11 Rounds; 20MM No. 4, 9 rounds; 20MM No.5,
20 rounds; 20MM No.6, 15 rounds; No. 1-50Cal., 50 rounds; No. 2-
50 cal., 7 rounds; No. 3-50 cal., 7 rounds; No. 4-50 cal., 10 rounds.
1015 Engine speed 265 r.p.m.
1045 Engine speed 275 r.p.m.

J F Norberg
Ens. J. F. Norberg

Approved:
H. M. Graham
Commanding Officer.

Examined:
W. E. Thyssen, Lt(jg)/USNR
Navigator.

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Lat.	7°47'5S	7°17'S	6°03'S
Long.	148°05'E	148°01'E	147°46'E

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
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1200-1600

Base course, 354°T. Speed standard, 265 r.p.m. all engines. Gyro error ½°W. Convoy formation same as before.

1200 Position: Lat. 7°17'S, Long. 148°01'E.
1245 Nine (9) Mitchell Bombers sighted bearing 20° relative, elevation 10°.
1414 Base course 036°T.
1425 Base course 060°T. Degaussing coils checked.
1435 Base course 030°T.
1437 All engines ahead 2/3. Two LST's, 26 and 465, leaving convoy for Langemak Bay. LST 204 proceeding to join convoy from Langemak Bay.
1447 All engines ahead standard.
1449 Base course 354°.
1450 All engines ahead 2/3 speed.
1510 All engines ahead standard.
1515 LST 204 now off our port bow.
1536 LST 204 now crossing our bow. She is to pass in between the two columns and get into position astern of LST 202.
1540 LST 204 now in position.

Ens. L. Curra
Ens. L. Curra

1600-2000

Base course 354°T. Speed standard, 250 r.p.m.'s

1600 General quarters.
1603 Twelve Thunderbolts (P-47's) on port beam. Elevation 15°.
1618 Plane sighted bearing 245°, elevation 30°. Unidentified.
1657 Speed 225 r.p.m.
1702 Irregularity in functioning of helm reported to the officer of the deck.
1709 Telemotor bled. Helm operating normally.
1730 Ten lightnings (P-38's) sighted bearing 270°, elevation 40°.
1741 Six Lightnings (P-38's) sighted bearing 300°, elevation 50°.
1753 New base course 324°T.
1754 Speed 2/3. Degaussing coils set.
1807 Speed standard 225 r.p.m.
1827 Four identified planes reported bearing 290°, elevation 20°.
1828 Two Thunderbolts (P-47's) directly overhead.
1835 Order to all gun stations: No gun is to fire on snooper planes during night. If direct attack at low altitude, fire only upon orders.
1905 Four cruisers and six destroyers sighted on starboard quarter.
1919 Sunset. Ship darkened.

Ens. C. Macmurdo
Ens. C. Macmurdo

2000-2400

Base course 324°T. Speed 225 r.p.m. Friendly cruisers are now 3000 yds. off starboard beam proceeding north, escorted by nine DD's.

2000 Position: Lat. 6°03'S, Long 147°46'E.
2050 Gunfire on starboard quarter, distance 3 miles.
2120 Gunfire on starboard beam. Continues until 2125.
2215 Easy right to course 330°T. to avoid LCI's escorted by DD's passing close aboard our port beam.
2221 New base course 000°T.

H. N. Miller
Ens. H. N. Miller

Approved:
H. M. Graham
Commanding Officer.

Examined:
R. E. Thyssen Lt(jg)USNR
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP LST 466 Sunday (Day) 26 (Date) December (Month), 1943

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Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.			5°21'S
Long.			148°21'2E

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400

Base course 000°T. Speed 225 r.p.m. Convoy formation is two columns of four LST's each in "dog", column open order formation. Weather clear. Underway for Yellow beach #2.
0036 Base course changed to 054°T.
0046 Course changed to 000°T.
0124 250 r.p.m. all engines.
0126 Course changed to 054oT.
0135 260 r.p.m. all engines.
0146 Course changed to [illegible]. 044°T
0147 270 r.p.m. all engines.
0226 Base course changed to 089°T.
0250 Steer nothing to right of 088°T.

Ens. C. Macmurdo
Ens. C. Macmurdo

0400-0800

Base course 089°T. Steering course 088°T. Speed 270 r.p.m.
0600 Gunfire from our ships dead ahead and on starboard bow.
0655 Condition 1-M set.
0700-0705 HMAS Shropshire and Australia, USS Phoenix and USS Nashville, together with destroyers are shelling beaches Yellow 1 and Yellow 2.
0706 Plane sighted bearing 160°, elevation 20°. Commenced undogging bow doors.
0707 Base course 095°T.
0710 LCI's and APD's observed close to beach in heavy smoke haze caused by shell bursts. Sun is rising over shore line ahead.
0712 Planes sighted bearing 300°T. and also 170°T., elevation 30°. Identified as Liberators.
0714 Four Thunderbolts at bearing 090°T. Planes coming in on port quarter.
0715 Seven Liberators on starboard beam, elevation 50°.
0717 Liberators coming in dead astern, on port quarter, and starboard quarter.
0719 Concussion from our Naval salvos can now be felt.
0725 AA fire on starboard beam.
0730 USS Phoenix and Nashville firing rapidly on our starboard.
0731 Forty Mitchells crossing ahead from port to starboard, elevation 20°.
0733 Base course 130°T.
0736 Beaches being bombed by Mitchells. Anti-aircraft fire from beach.
0753 Base course 160°T.
0756 Base course 180°T.

H. N. Miller
Ens. H. N. Miller

0800-1200

Base course 180°T. Speed 270 r.p.m. Weather fair. Maneuvering off Yellow Beach #2 prior to beaching. Visibility very poor due to thick smoke screen.
0901 Beached at Yellow Beach #2. Marines disembarking.
0906 Unloading began.
0910 LST 66 beached on our port side, distance 150 yards.
0918 AYOTTE, KENNETH SIMON, Pvt., USMCR, 444305, First Marine Division, Third Battalion, Detached Service Company, aboard

Approved:
H. M. Graham
Commanding Officer.

Examined:
Lt (jg) USNR
Navigator.

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Lat.			5°21'S
Long.			148°21'2E

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0800-1200

for transportation and medical care. Diagnosis: Wounds multiple. Cause exploding hand grenade resulting from enemy action.

0931 Smoke pall has been blown inland.

1121 No. 2 generator has a broken fiber coupling link. No. 3 has a blown gasket. Both are being repaired.

Ens. C. Macmurdo
Ens. C. Macmurdo

1200-1600

Beached as before. Unloading continued.

1220 LCPR to be delivered to APD 24 taken aboard. A crew of 5 men and 1 officer aboard in LCPR. They are as follows:
VOGEL, J. W., F 1c
COLLINGSWORTH, L., RM 1c
HARDESTY, R. D., S 1c
HARTAKEN, P. J., S 1c
HAND, E. D., Cox.
ENSIGN R. W. HARGRAVE

The following aboard from USS Brooks for transportation being the crew of thier small boat was broached on beach:
JOACHIM, R. L., S 1c
PITTS, J. E., S 1c
KNOLL, J. E., F 3c
MOORE, H. R., F 1c
AUCOIN, L. E., S 1c
PEDERSEN, G. A., S 1c
GARCIA, P. S., S 2c
DILLARD, T. T., S 2c
FOSTER, R. H., PhM 3c
T. B. STEIGER, Lt.(jg), USNR

1326 OSWALD, ROBERT J., Sgt., USMC, 304048 brought aboard and was pronounced dead by Lt. Klein (MC) USNR. Oswald was killed in action by the Japs on Yellow Beach #1 by a bullet wound in the head. SPANKO, LEONARD, Pfc., USMC, 369004, Injury, Abdomen, Occured within command while at work unloading supplies. Struck by motor-truck. WREN, WILLIAM PAUL, Pvt., USMC, 809974, Diagnosis: Contusion, Back, Lower. Occured within command while on beach patrol, when an amphibious tank struck a log, causing it to strike the man in the back.

1356 Port and starboard chains on ramp broke.

1402 Retracting.

1410 Underway for Cape Sudest, New Guinea in accordance with CTF 76 Operation plan 3B-43.

1410 Man overboard. Stephenson, John Robert, MoMM 2c, 639-82-85, USNR fell overboard while in the performance of his duty. All engines stopped. One life preserver and one life jacket thrown overboard. LCPR lowered and went to his rescue.

1422 Stephenson rescued and brought aboard uninjured.

1422 Work is being on broken ramp chain. We cannot get underway until it is repaired. The other ships in our echelon have been ordered to proceed by Capt. J. B. Mallard, USN.

1437 General Quarters sounded.

1443 24 Mitchell bombers approached on port beam.

1444 Enemy planes bombing the other ships in our echelon and the escorts who are now off our port bow, distance about 5 miles.

1445 A "Val", Japanese dive bomber, approached this ship from the port bow and passed astern, elevation 60-20 feet above the water. At its nearest approach to the ship as it passed astern, it was approximately 250 yards distance. It was fired on by all guns on this ship except

Approved: Examined:

Commanding Officer. Navigator.

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1200-1600

the #3 and #5 20MM's and the #3 .50 cal. MG. All guns firing claim hits or near mi or near misses. The plane was seen tocrash ashore, smoke rising above the trees at the point of impact. It was followed in by no other Jap planes. The "Val" passed over on to the starboard of the 4 LST's which had beached and to the port of the 3 LST's approaching the beach, at approximately the moment of impact, and after our guns had ceased firing, six Mitchell's bombers, coming down the beach from the direction ofCape Gloucester and flying at a comparatively low altitude were over and astern of the four beached LST's. Ahead of these six Mitghell's and at a high altitude was a "Val". Bombs hit the beach both to starboard and to port of the beached LST's. When the six Mitchell's were astern of the beached LST's, the former began strafing a point inland and beyond the latter. One of theMitchell's was apparently downed by fire from Beached LST's and fell some 500 to 800 yards astern of this ship. Another Mitchell hit the water and burst into flames some two miles distant and abaft our starboard beam. This second bomber may have been brought down by Japanese Anti-aircraft fire originating from shore batteries, beyond and to the port side of the beached LST's. Our guns also fired at the Mitchell's after the other ships had opened up on them. Rounds fired: 40MM-7 rounds, 20MM #1-59 rounds, #2-86 rounds, #4-108 rounds, #6-60 rounds,3"50 cal.-3 rounds, 50 cal. MG #1-10 rounds, #2-40 rounds, #4-80 rounds.

1507 All engines ahead 2/3, Steering course 350°T. Ramp hoisted by emergency lifting gear.
1524 Steering course 005°T.
1557 All engines ahead 2/3.

Ens. C. Macmurdo
Ens. C. Macmurdo

1600-2000

Base course 005°T, steering course 005° p.g.c., speed 2/3, weather cloudy.
1603 All engines ahead standard.
1610 Beach being bombed off port quarter.
1614 Beach being bombed off port beam.
1628 Ramp raised and dogged. Bow doors closed.
1631 All engines ahead flank.
1641 Course changed to 274°T.
1705 Bombing off Sakar Island. One enemy plane downed. General quarters sounded.
1710 Steering 335°T.
1714 Steering 155°T. We are awaiting the echelon of LST's on the beach so as to return with them. We are running in and out from the beach being screened by two destroyers.
1720 General quarters sounded. Enemy planes off St'b'd bow bombing destroyers.
1723 Steering 335°T.
1818 Steering 120°T.
1832 Steering 100°T.
1910 All engines ahead one-third.
1920 Sunset. Darkened ship.
1921 Telemotor bled.

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A. M. Graham
Commanding Officer.

Examined:
Navigator.

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1600-2000

1948 Speed 265 r.p.m. Course 280°T. In convoy with 7 other LST's, Fifth Echelon 76.2.2 2 columns of 4 each.

Ens. C. Macmurdo
Ens. C. Macmurdo

2000-2400

Base course 280°T. Speed standard, R.P.M.'s, 265 all engines.
2000 Position: 5°21'S latitude, long. 148°21!2E.
2215 Base course 270°T, all engines ahead 2/3's, two short blasts sounded on whistle.
2218 All engines ahead standard, 260 r.p.m.'s all engines.

Ens. L. Curra
Ens. L. Curra

Approved:
H. M. Beahan
Commanding Officer.

Examined:
[illegible] Lt(jg) USNR
Navigator.

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Zone description -10

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	6°32'S	7°05'S	8°03'3S
Long.	148°03'E	147°49'E	148°08'4E

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400

Base course 270°T. Speed 260 r.p.m. 25Weather overcast. Proceeding to Cape Sudest, New Guinea.
0004 Base course changed to 234°T.
0016 Steering course 229°T.
0040 Steering 234°T.
0050 Base course changed to 189°T.
0105 Steering 180°T.
0317 Base course changed to 144°T.

Ens. C. Macmurdo
Ens. C. Macmurdo

0400-0800

Base course 144°T. Speed standard 260 r.p.m. all engines. Convoy formation as before.
0651 Observed sunrise.
0722 Base course 174°T.
0724 Degaussing set to heading.
0729 LST 452, having Capt. Scruggs, USN aboard, takes command of convoy by order of Com. Flot. 7.

Ens. L. Curra
Ens. L. Curra

0800-1200

Base course 174°T. Speed 260 r.p.m. Weather overcast.
0800 Position: Latitude 6°32'S, Long. 148°03'E.
0925 Base course changed to 215°T.
1150 Speed 250 r.p.m.

Ens. C. Macmurdo
Ens. C. Macmurdo

1200-1600

Base course 215°T. Speed standard, 250 r.p.m.'s.
1200 Position: Long. 147°49'E, Lat. 7°05'S.
1347 Base course 208°T.
1431 Base course 163°T.
1437 Base course 132°T.
Various changes in engine speed were necessary during the watch in order to keep proper station. As each change of course was to port, engine speed was reduced to 2/3 so that proper station with the outside column of LST's could be regained quickly.

H. N. Miller
Ens. H. N. Miller

1600-1800

Base course 132°T. Engine Speed standard 250 r.p.m.'s.
1800 Wood, Richard, 645-55-01, S 1c, USNR cut forefinger of right hand while slicing bread.

J. F. Norberg
Ens. J. F. Norberg

Approved:
H. M. Graham
Commanding Officer.

Examined:
R. E. Thyssen Lt(jg) USNR
Navigator.

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1800-2000

	Base course 132°T.
1815	Telemotor bled.
1838	This ship resumed being guide of echelon.
1842	Base course 162°T.
1926	Observed sunset. Ship darkened.
1956	Convoy takes formation 18.

Ens L Curra
Ens. L. Curra

2000-2400

	Base course 151°T. Speed 250 r.p.m. Weather cloudy. Formation is one single column closed order.
2000	Position: 8°03'3S, 148°08'4E. Passed one mile abeam of Mitre Rock. General quarters secured.
2155-2200	Hand steering in effect.
2220	Steering 149°T.
2235	Base course 151°T.
2248	Base course 155°T.
2330	Changed base course to 140°T.
2345	Changed course to 130°T.

Ens. C. Macmurdo
Ens. C. Macmurdo

Approved:
H. M. Graham
Commanding Officer.

Examined:
W. E. Thyssen, Lt(jg) USNR
Navigator.

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Position	0800	1200	2000
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OPERATIONAL REMARKS
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0000-0400

Maneuvering off Buna Point, New Guinea preparing to anchor.
Weather clear, visibility fair, barometer steady.
0006 Bow anchor let go. All engines stopped. Anchored by four mile buoy off Buna Point, New Guinea.
0010 Sixty fathoms of chain let out. Bow anchor secured. Sounding forward 25 fathoms.
0011 Main engines secured.
0028 Mr. Edward Wallace, accredited War Correspondent, assigned to this ship for the Dexterity operation, left the ship detatched by verbal orders of Captain Mallard.

J F Norberg
Ens. J. F. Norberg

0400-0800

At anchor off 4 Mile buoy, Buna, New Guinea.
0450 Making preparations for getting underway to Cape Sudest, New Guinea.
0458 Underway.
0512 All engines ahead 2/3's. Steering 144° p.g.c.
0526 All engines ahead standard.
0542 Steering 320° p.g.c.
0549 Steering 180° p.g.c.
0603 All engines stopped. Let go bow anchor with 52 fathoms to the bow anchor. Sounding forward 26 fathoms.
0620 Commenced heaving in bow anchor for new anchorage.
0624 Underway.
0630 Bow anchor let go with 60 fathoms of chain to bow anchor. Sounding forward 27 fathoms. All secured.
0635 At anchor, Cape Sudest, New Guinea.
0650 Observed sunrise.
0720 Following men and officers departed for APD 10 and USS Brooks: Lt. (jg) Steiger, T. B. USNR; Pitts, E. E. (S 1c); Knoll, J. E. (F 3c); Moore, H. R. (F 1c); Aucoin, L. E. (S 1c); Pedersen, G. A. (S 1c); Gracia, P. S. (S 2c); Dillard, T. T. (S 2c) and Foster, R. H. (PhM 3c).

Ens. L Curra
Ens. L. Curra

0800-1200

Anchored 4 miles off Cape Sudest, New Guinea in 27 fathoms with 60 fathoms of bow anchor chain out. Weather cloudy.
0915 LCPR taken aboard at Yellow Beach #2 shoves off for USS Noa (APD 24) with following personnel:
- Collingsworth, L., RM 1c
- Vogel, J. W., F 1c
- Hardesty, R. D., S 1c
- Hartaken, P. J., S 1c
- Hand, E. D., Cox.
- Ensign R. W. Hargrave

1045 LCI 28 alongside to take off casualties. The following were transferred to U.S. Naval Officer in command, Cape Sudest, New Guinea.
KILLED:
OSWALD, ROBERT J., Sgt. USMC, 304048. Killed in action at Yellow Beach #1, being shot through head by a Jap.

Approved:
H. M. Graham
Commanding Officer.

Examined:
Lt(jg)/USNR
Navigator.

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0800-1200

WOUNDED:
1. AYOTTE, KENNETH SIMON, Pvt. USMCR, 443051, First Marine Division, Third Battalion, Detatched Service Company. Diagnosis: Wounds, Multiple. Cause: Exploding hand grenade resulting from enemy action.
2. WREN, WILLIAM PAUL, Pvt. USMC, 809974, First Marine Division, Second Battalion, Weapons Company. Diagnosis: Contusion, back lower. Cause: Injured when a tank struck a log, causing it to strike his back.
3. PANKO, LEONARD, PFC. USMC, 369004, First Marine Division, Seventh Battalion, Weapons Company. Diagnosis: Abdominal injury. Cause: Struck by motor truck while unloading supplies.

1115 LCI pulls away.

1145 Pursuant to orders of Com. 7th Amphibious Force, Lt. (jg) Patrick M. Keane, O-V(S) USNR, File No. 260105, dated7 Dec.,1943 reported aboard this vessel, to Com. LST Flot 7 for assignment to temporary duty in LST's of Flotilla 7.

Ens. C. Macmurdo
Ens. C. Macmurdo

1200-1600

Anchored as before.

1330 Mail and Laundry aboard from APC 8 brought to us from MILNE Bay. Four sacks of mail for LST 453 and twosacks of mail for LST 201 brought aboard.

1430 APC 8 stands off port beam while Capt. Mallard and Lt. (jg) Charl/illo exchange messages.

1430 Boat crew consisting of Walker, Glenn S 1c and Bowser, Edward R, F 1c sent to LST 456 to pick up LCPR left at Oro Bay.

1445 Lt. (jg) Pat M. Keane, USNR, O-V(S) transferred to LST 452 for further transfer pursuant to orders Com. Flot. 7. APC 8 shoves off.

H. N. Miller
Ens. H. N. Miller

1600-2000

Anchored as before.

1800 LCPR (Small boat) 165 h.p. Hull No. C9546, Engine serial #M8-9243 with Blake, William Larson, 6248913, F 1c, V-6 USNR; Shipps, B. V., Lt. (jg) S.C., USNR (155235) and Haviland, Arthur, 646 33 97, CSK, USNR return to ship.

1926 Sunset observed, ship darkened.

J. F. Norberg
Ens. J. F. Norberg

2000-2400

Anchored as before.

2050 Bow anchor let out to 70 fathoms at waters edge.

Ens. L. Curra

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Commanding Officer.

Examined: Lt. (jg) USNR
Navigator.

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0000-0400

Anchored in 27 fathoms of water with 60 fathoms of bow anchor chain out off Cape Sudest, New Guinea. Weather fair.

Ens. C. Macmurdo
Ens. C. Macmurdo

0400-0800

Anchored as before.
0651 Sunrise.
0745 Muster. All present or accounted for.

H. N. Miller
Ens. H. N. Miller

0800-1200

Anchored as before.
0800 Colors.
0832 Sea detail posted and bow anchor being heaved in to short stay. Draft forward 3'6", draft aft 12'.
0851 Anchor's aweigh. Maneuvering to anchor near the beach at Cape Sudest.
0948 Letting go bow anchor. Sounding forward 7 fathoms.
0952 Anchor secured at 25 fathoms. Main engines secured. Sea detail secured. Anchored 700 yards from beach.
1030 Condition 1-M set. Preparing to beach. Bow anchor being raised.
1033 Anchor's aweigh. Maneuvering to beach in slip at Cape Sudest.
1045 Stern anchor let go. All engines stopped.
1047 Beached. 300 ft. stern anchor cable out. Beaching unsuccessful. Ship too far from beach (20 yards).
1050 Heaving in on stern anchor and backing engines 2/3 speed to come off beach to come in again at different slip. All engines stopped.
1052 Stern anchor up and housed. All engines ahead 2/3's.
1102 Heading for beach again. Stern anchor let go.
1103 All engines stopped. Beached 400 feet of cable out. All engines ahead full trying to get nearer the beach. Ballast forward pumped out.
1105 All engines stopped.
1109 Open bow doors; beached in slip No. 2 between LST 452 and LST 459.
1120 Ramp lowered.
1121 Stern mooring cables connected to LST 452 and 459. Maneuvering engines and heaving on bow lines connected to beach in an effort to square up the ramp with the beach.
1156 Ballasting down forward. Ships heading 269°.
1157 Truck on board to load with cargo on tank deck left by Marines. Cargo consists of K rations and barbed wire.
1159 SIMMONS, OSCAR (n) 830 12 49, StM 1c, USN-I, transferred to LST 464 for medical care.
Following Staff members of LST Flot. 7 transferred to APC 8:
    JOHN B. MALLARD, Captain USN
    CHARLILLO, E. A., LT.(jg) CVS, USNR
    SMITH, H. M., LT.(jg) CVS, USNR
    STERLING, HARRY E., LT.(sg) EVS, USNR
    HAMILTON, E. A., LT.(sg) EM, USNR
    SUPERNAW, JOHN WILLIAM, SM 3c
    RAVENER, GERALD EDWARD, 707 52 10, QM 3c, USNR

Approved:
H. M. Graham
Commanding Officer.

Examined:
W. E. Thyssen, Lt(jg) USNR
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O'CONNOR, DANIEL J., 377 69 78, SM 3c, USNR
MILLS, P. O., 552 02 61, RM 2c, USNR
TAGGART, WALLACE EDWIN, 628 25 23, RM 2c, USNR
LAFFERTY, TRAVIS (n), 413 46 64, CRT, USNR
BISHOP, MARDEN ROGER, 612 20 54, Y 2c, USNR
ROACHE, LEWIS BURL, 272 58 13, Y 2c, USN
RUVA, JOHN FRANCIS, 725 30 82, CYM, USNR
HENRY,LEONARD (n), 723 36 33, StM 1c, USNR

J. F. Norberg
Ens. J. F. Norberg

1200-1600

Beached slip #2, Cape Sudest, New Guinea. Unloading bulk cargo which was left aboard at Borgen Bay, New Britain, Cape Gloucester area due to lack of time.
1250 Condition 1-M set. Making preparations for retracting off beach.
1255 4 sacks mail for LST 455 and 2 sacks mail for LST 201 delivered.
1321 Port engine ahead 1/3 to get position for retracting.
1330 Powder samples and magazines checked. Normal condition.
1335 All engines back full.
1336 Off beach. Maneuvering to head out to sea to await formation of convoy which will proceed to Good Enough, Island in accordance with orders dated Dec. 29, addressed to Com. Flot. 7, LST squad 20.
1342 Steering 075° p.g.c.
1344 All engines ahead full.
1346 Secured condition 1-M. Section #2 takes over the watch.
1351 Steering 080° p.g.c.
1352 All ballast forward pumped out.
1353 Filling 3 forward tanks to capacity.
1403 All engines ahead 2/3's.
1408 Degaussing set for all headings.
1422 Base course 115° p.g.c.
1505 Wheel house steering out. Hand steering in effect.
1512 All engines ahead standard. Convoy now formed with LST 452 the flag ship followed by LST 466, 456. To the port are: LST 454,170 and 22.
1513 Convoy going into Formation D.
1524 Standard Speed 260 r.p.m. is convoy speed.

Ens. L. Curra
Ens. L. Curra

1600-1800

Base course 115°T., Steering 117° p.g.c. Speed: Starboard engine 260 r.p.m., Port engine 255 r.p.m.
1738 Bearings: Tamina Pt. 150°T, Spear Island 102°T.
1745 Base course changed to 090°T.

Ens. C. Macmurdo
Ens. C. Macmurdo

Approved:
H. M. Graham
Commanding Officer.

Examined:
Lt(jg) USNR
Navigator.

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1800-2000

Base course 090°T. 255 r.p.m. LST's 452,466 and 170 in starboard column and LST's 454, 22 and 456 in port column proceeding under orders dated December 29, addressed to Com. Squad 20 reference Number 290040, to Goodenough Island. LST 452 is convoy guide.

1827 Spear Island light off starboard beam.
1858 Formation changed to single column "Dog". Order of ships: LST 452, 466, 170, 454,22 and 456.
1905 Telemotor bled.
1906 Bearings: Cape Nelson 194°T., Spear Island 267°T.
1922 Sunset. Ship darkened. Running lights turned on.
1932 Base course 124°T.
1949 Base course 170°T.

H. N. Miller
Ens. H. N. Miller

2000-2400

Base course 170°T. Steering course 170 p.g.c. Speed standard. R.P.M. 255 all engines. Weather overcast. Running lights on.

2030 Left ~~starboard~~ standard rudder to 130°T. Stern blue light turned on. Sailing Tufi Range.
2100 Heavy rain, visibility poor.
2111 Passed Ham reef light abeam.
2223 Red light on port bow believed to be port light of ship.
2312 Ship passes on our port beam.

J. F. Norberg
Ens. J. F. Norberg

Approved:
H. M. Graham
Commanding Officer.

Examined:
R. E. [illegible] Lt(jg) USNR
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP LST 466 Thursday (Day) 30 (Date) December (Month), 1943

Zone description -10

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	9°39'S		
Long.	150°24'E		

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400

Base course 130°T. Steering 131° p.g.c. Speed standard 250 r.p.m. all engines. Weather overcast, stratus clouds. Visibility 15. Barometer falling. Convoy in single column in Dog formation with LST 452 the guide ship followed by LST 466, 456, 454, 22 and 170. Proceeding to Goodenough Island.

0030 Sighted Ipoteto Light dead ahead.

0035-0105 Steering courses 124°-108° so as to get Ipoteto Light to our starboard.

0110 All engines ahead 2/3's. Making 170 r.p.m. all engines.

0130 Abeam Ipoteto Light. Distance by ~~lower~~ bow-beam bearing .7 miles.

0200-0315 Steering courses 084° p.g.c. - 091° p.g.c.

0335 Base course 093° p.g.c.

Ens. L. Curra
Ens. L. Curra
Ens. C. Macmurdo
Ens. C. Macmurdo

0400-0800

Base course 093°T. Speed 2/3, 170 r.p.m.'s.

0425 Base course 097°T.

0427 Left standard rudder to base course 000°T.

0441 Right rudder to base course 020oT.

0525 Base course 008°T. Speed standard.

0530 Speed 265 R.P.M.'s.

0532 All engines stop, hard left rudder, all engines back 2/3, then back full. LST 452, the guide, stopped dead in the water. Before the movement of our ship could be checked completely we had come up alongside of her port side, very close. Later found that she had struck a reef; was stuck on it. Hard left rudder to get clear, speed 1/3.

0540 Condition 1-M set. Standing off coast of Goodenough Island, southern entrance to Moresby Strait: Latitude 9°39'S, long. 150°24'E.

0638 Sunrise.

0700 All clocks set by time tick.

0718 Lowering starboard LCPR.

0719-0739 Maneuvering 1000 yards off LST 452's port quarter while she attempts to getoff reef. LST's 22, 170 and 454 sent in to beach at Goodenough. We and LST 456 remain in vicinity.

0740 Preparing forward lines and stern anchor cable for an attempt to pull LST 452 off reef.

H. N. Miller
Ens. H. N. Miller

0800-1200

Proceeding southern entrance to Moresby Strait, Goodenough Island. Making preparations to aid LST 452 off reef. LST 456 and 466 ordered to stand by while other LST's of convoy to proceed to Beli Beli Beach, Goodenough Island. LST 456 already has towing line to LST 452's stern.

0800-0802 Maneuvering to get into position ahead of LST 456 so as to give her our stern line. Capt. Scuggs (USN) aboard and is directing operations.

0803-0838 Various speed changes ranging from 1/3 to flank speed in attempting to get LST 452 off reef. LST 456 doing likewise.

Approved:
H. M. Graham
Commanding Officer.

Examined:
W. E. Thygesen, Lt(jg) USNR
Navigator.

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UNITED STATES SHIP LST 466 Thursday (Day) 30 (Date) December (Month), 1943

Zone description -10

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.	9°39'S		
Long.	150°24'E		

OPERATIONAL REMARKS
(WAR DIARY)

0800-1200

0840 Received order to moor port side to starboard side of LST 456 and doing so.

0912 Cast off and attempting same procedure as before, having stern line to LST 456 whichhas hers to LST 452. During this operation we lost our stern anchor and cable, pulled away from patent fitting. Various speeds again to get LST 452 off reef. Our stern cable let go twice during operation.

0935 LST 452 off reef.

0940 Proceeding to Beli Beli, Goodenough Island to take on troops, trucks and cargo.

1106 Beached, bow lines and quarter lines secured to secure us to beach. Ships heading 220½° p.g.c. LST 452 beached 75 yards to our starboard and LST 454 beached 200 yards to our port.

Ens. L. Curra
Ens. L. Curra

1200-1600

Beached as before.

1200 Loading began. Equipment of 126th Infantry U.S.A.

1210 Magazine report: Temperature forward H. 93, L. 91, Aft H. 85, L. 84. Magazines and powder samples are in normal condition.

1530 18 crates large smoke pots aboard.

1545 4 crates large smoke pots to LST 454.

1545 8 crates small smoke pots aboard.

Ens. C. Macmurdo
Ens. C. Macmurdo

1600-2000

Beached as before. Order of ships on beach from right to left: LST's 456, 170, 452, 466, 454 and 22. Loading continues. Repair work continues on attaching patent eye to stern anchor cable.

1614 Seven crates large smoke pots delivered to LST 170.

1730 Stern anchor cable repaired, tested, taken out 500 feet and dropped.

1950 Troops start coming aboard.

H. N. Miller
Ens. H. N. Miller

2000-2400

Beached as before.

2040 Troops all on board,(See attached list) of 126th Infantry U.S.A. totaling 416 enlisted men and 16 officers.

J. F. Norberg
Ens. J. F. Norberg

Approved:
H. M. Graham
Commanding Officer.

Examined:
W. E. [illegible], Lt(jg) USNR
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PASSENGER LIST

LST 4

MAJ	LEE, BEVIN D.	0230970	126th Inf
MR	DYCHE, LUKE A.		Red Cross
Tech Sgt.	James D. Stephens	20633753	Ser. Co 126
Cpl.	Jack Williams	38083288	Ser.
PFC	Charles J Pastusek	38098450	Ser
Pvt	Leonard J Mueller	36215467	120 F.A.
2nd Lt.	James M. Sturgeon	0470259	Co. D. Eng Bn
Maj	John D. Hickey	0336018	Q.M.
Sgt.	Fredrick A. McGee	37173070	Q.M.

RESTRICTED

26. ADAMS, Elmer H.	35208377	
~~27. BAGGENSTOS, Bernard H.~~	~~39386899~~	
28. BJERKE, Myron P.	36207368	
~~29. BOCKENHAUER, Mylan T.~~	~~20651712~~	~~(Hosp)~~
30. DIXON, Harold J.	20651744	
31. DULVICK, Herbert J.	39087059	
32. ELSEN, Harold J.	36207172	
33. ESTES, Raymond M.	39385077	

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HEADQUARTERS 126TH INFANTRY RCT

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BTRY A, 120TH F.A. BATTALION

L. S. T. #4 L. S. T. #4

ROSTER

OFFICERS

1. 1st Lt. WEISEN, Philip M.	0383687
2. 2nd Lt. NISSEN, Elmer E.	02035892

ENLISTED MEN

FIRST SERGEANT

1. JOHNSON, Loren B.	20651547

STAFF SERGEANTS

2. OUTCELT, Leo J.	20651724
3. TOLLACKSON, Luell E.	20651737

SERGEANTS

4. GANTENBEIN, Jack M.	20651718
5. HAGEMO, Donald E.	20651719
6. HOLDER, Henry E.	6283916
7. HOLY, James A.	20651721
8. MAXWELL, Donald C.	20651764

TECHNICIANS IV GRADE

9. BECKER, Frank R.	20651725
10. BLANK, Howard A.	20651804
11. HOWELL, George (NMI)	34083395

CORPORALS

12. BICE, Robert D.	20651741
13. COLE, Avery R.	20651726
14. COTTON, Gale O.	20651727
15. EDDY, Robert S.	20651745
16. HANSON, Russell E,	36207173
17. INDERBERG, James G.	20651755
18. MITTAG, Thomas E.	34093249
19. MOEN, Palmer H.	20651767
20. MOORE, Willard F.	20651768
~~21. PETERSON, James M.~~	~~20651775~~

TECHNICIANS V GRADE

22. BURGESS, Alvin C.	34093227
23. HUEBNER, Robert J.	36207198
24. JOHNSON, Howard J.	20651757
25. OPALINSKI, Adam J.	36119608

PRIVATES FIRST CLASS

26. ADAMS, Elmer H.	35208377
~~27. BAGGENSTOS, Bernard H.~~	~~39386899~~
28. BJERKE, Myron P.	36207368
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31. DULVICK, Herbert J.	39087059
32. ELSEN, Harold J.	36207172
33. ESTES, Raymond M.	39385077

PRIVATES FIRST CLASS (CONT'D)

34.	GADAYAN, Juan M.	39088472
35.	GAMBIN, Estle C.	38071429
36.	HAHN, Gregory J.	20651803
37.	HANSEN, Donald G.	36207180
38.	HOUSER, Wendall R.	36207176
39.	JENKS, George L.	36202234
40.	LUMPKIN, Walter O.	38086955
41.	LYONS, Earl W.	20651762
42.	MEHREN, Arnold J.	20651765
~~43.~~	~~MULLER, Russell G.~~	~~20651785 (Hosp)~~
~~44.~~	~~PAYNE, Floyd R.~~	~~20651735~~
~~45.~~	~~ROGERS, Eugene A.~~	~~20651795~~
46.	SEBASTIAN, Lawrence J.	36207616
47.	SHAFER, James A.	36049900
48.	STAHL, Roman R.	36203899
49.	TAVARES, James (NMI)	31059917

PRIVATES

50.	ABERCROMBIE, George W.	34344873
51.	ADCOX, Leon (NMI)	34352919
52.	CRAMER, Kenneth F.	36646004
53.	DANCER, Conrad I.	37094812
54.	EWARD, James G.	13090793
55.	FILLNER, Harry B.	20651731
56.	FRANCIS, Robert E.	20652016
57.	FRIE, Bennie L.	18089156
58.	GANTENBEIN, William E.	20651748
59.	GEIS, John D.	38195377
60.	GREEN, Clyde O.	20651784
61.	GUERRA, Pedro (NMI)	38071318
62.	GUZZI, Stephen L.	32119002
63.	HARE, Herbert H.	20651800
~~64.~~	~~HERDE, Richard P.~~	~~20651752~~
65.	HETRICK, Harvey C.	20651753
66.	KARCHER, Lester H.	39088318
67.	KORISH, Dale F.	20651758
~~68.~~	~~KUNDY, Marlin E.~~	~~20651759~~
69.	KYLLING, Daniel N.	39386800
70.	LA MATTINA, John S.	32605644
71.	LOPEZ, Manuel D.	38072864
72.	MILLONIG, Ervin M.	36209153
73.	MOORE, William L.	38161999
74.	NICHOLS, Ernest O.	20651771
75.	NORRIS, Ellis H.	39602488
76.	OELKE, Harold E.	20651773
77.	PETRUCCI, Amelio, (NMI)	11037921
78.	REAGLES, Robert L.	20651776
79.	SCOTT, Ivan W.	38086901
80.	SECKY, Rudolph A.	20651792
81.	SOLUM, Roland L.	37294714
82.	STOUT, Wilbur E.	20651736
83.	WING, Verl M.	20651781
84.	ZAMBORSKY, Joseph J.	33134584

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PRIVATE FIRST CLASS

85.	RHODES, Willie V.	36110736

PRIVATE

86.	WYNNE, John W.	20638826

SERVICE BATTERY, 120TH F.A. BN.

SERGEANTS

~~1. MARTIN, Steve J.~~	~~35162856~~
2. OSELES, William J.	20651420
~~3. WOLF, Werner (NMI)~~	~~20651494~~

TECHNICIANS V GRADE

~~4. FARMER, George F.~~	~~34092350~~
~~5. WITHER, Samuel G.~~	~~34093234~~

PRIVATES FIRST CLASS

~~6. HOLLIN, Nevil O.~~	~~39386880~~
~~7. KELLER, Allen W.~~	~~36208674~~
8. SCHOLD, Alfred A.	20651415

PRIVATES

~~9. JOERN, Kenneth R.~~	~~20651899~~
10. MARQUARDT, Arthur (NMI)	20651505
11. MUELLER, Harley F.	36208187
~~12. UNGER, Edwin J.~~	~~36342925~~

HEADQUARTERS BATTERY 120Th F.A.
AIR LIASON SECTION

STAFF SERGEANT

1. BALDWIN, James F.	18043071

TECHNICIAN V GRADE

Greeto, Walter J.	1205926
~~2. BARTEK, Joseph (NMI)~~	~~36208695~~

SERVICE COMPANY, 126TH INFANTRY

OFFICER

2nd Lt. JAFFE, Sol (NMI)	01303782

ENLISTED MEN
TECHNICAL SERGEANT

1. STEPHENS, James D.	20633753

CORPORAL

2. WIECK, Elliott D.	36155600

PRIVATES FIRST CLASS

3. HAGGE, Leslie L.	16085371
4. OSBORNE, Gaylord E.	36155781
5. LYLE, Burton A.	20634889
6. RHEW, Clifton (NMI)	34170092
7. SWEERS, John (NMI)	36155610
8. PASTUSEK, Charles	38098450

PRIVATES

9. CASIAS, Sam J.	37349406

COMPANY "A" 107TH MEDICAL BN.

TECHNICIAN V GRADE

1. SPARR, Joseph H.	36111018

PRIVATES FIRST CLASS

2. ASBURY, William H.	37181092
3. BAKER, Ross J.	36110916
4. DEHRER, Laurence W.	37173765
5. NAGY, Zigmund B.	36110900
6. SOLOMON, Jacob (NMI)	12040193
7. WOOD, Robert L.	36110664

PRIVATE

8. DOMKE, Robert E.	20638748

MEDICAL DET. 126TH INFANTRY

TECHNICIAN V GRADE

1. MOES, Peter J.	36155911

PRIVATES FIRST CLASS

2. GODFREY, Louis (NMI)	36601662
3. MC CRIMMON, Clifford C.	36155859
4. TAYLOR, Horace T.	20633922

HEADQUARTERS CO., 1st BN. 126TH INF.

SERGEANT

1. TASMA, Willard J.	36155501

TECHNICIAN IV GRADE

2. HISCOCK, James A.	36155904

PRIVATES FIRST CLASS

3. HARTMAN, Frank V.	36117171
4. STUETZER, Robert B.	36112288
5. SUJKOWSKI, Floyd A.	36112230
6. WILLS, John C.	37096642

COMPANY "A", 126TH INFANTRY

CORPORAL

1. O'NEIL,,Robert J.	36155172

COMPANY "B", 126TH INFANTRY

CORPORAL

1. [illegible], Julien T.	36111198

COMPANY "C", 126TH INFANTRY

STAFF SERGEANT

1. GRAY, Allen D.	20634458

TECHNICIANS IV GRADE

2. GHILARDI, Lawrence (NMI)	36308753
3. LONDON, William E.	36155190

CORPORAL

4. BROWN, James L.	20634435

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS

5. SMITH, Howard G. Jr.	35251371

COMPANY "D", 126TH INFANTRY

SERGEANT

1. FIELHAUER, Charles T.	36111620

TECHNICIAN IV GRADE

2. LOYD, Kingsley L.	37139064

CORPORAL

3. GOLDSTEIN, Irving (NMI)	36111820

PRIVATES FIRST CLASS

4. KASPERKOSKI, William (NMI)	33356009
5. OLIVER, Steward L.	37139144
6. STANIARSKI, John J.	36111035

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CO. A, 114th ENGINEER BN. (C)

PASSENGER LIST

L.S.T. #4

	Name	Rank	Serial Number
1.	Robbins, Martin (NMI)	S/Sgt	35006732
2.	Sabonis, Stanley C.	Sgt	31029683
3.	Thielen, Theodore J.	Cpl	36251599
4.	Wintethalter, Estel B.	T/V	19059297
5.	Austin, Alvin W.	Pfc	36728216
6.	Boydstun, Virgil L.	Pfc	39000394
7.	Kelly, John T.	Pfc	16085627
8.	Laib, Christian W.	Pfc	33108396
9.	Lamountain, Edward S.	Pfc	32448064
10.	Zelinko, Edward G.	Pfc	36359367
11.	Galbraith, James F.	Pvt	20116026
12.	Norment, Rpbert T.	Pvt	33562151
13.	O'Neil, Stanley M.	Pvt	31005714
14.	Smith, James B.	Pvt	34705426
15.	Smith, Walter W.	Pvt	39382494

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OFFICERS

1.	Capt.	CARTER, Zina R.	0306308
2.	1st Lt.	NELSON, Martin C.	01300070
3.	2d Lt.	MORRISON, Lynn E.	01300686
4.	2d Lt.	SULLIVAN, James K.	01302726
5.	2d Lt.	BARRY, John J.	02035282

ENLISTED MEN

FIRST SERGEANT

1.	BROMLEY, Bernard E.	36155691

STAFF SERGEANTS

2.	BREDEWEG, Arthur G.	36155632
3.	DUBOIS, Raymond	31135434
4.	FAIRMAN, Glen H.	36155791
5.	MILLER, John W.	36155890
6.	PRINCE, Russel	20633564
7.	SULLIVAN, Tommy J.	36155635
8.	WILLIAMS, Thomas L.	34150955

SERGEANTS

9.	CAMPBELL, Marshall W.	34170106
10.	DAVIS, Ned S.	34170286
11.	FULLER, David E.	6575376
12.	McCLOY, Wilson	36112282
13.	MILLER, Neil E.	36155623
14.	PETERSON, Hilding A.	36155580
15.	PIGEON, Edmond	36155641
16.	RICE, Charles F.	6560402

TECHNICIANS IV GRADE

17.	FODDRELL, James W.	34170102
18.	KING, Joshua H.	36155906
19.	KOORIE, William B.	34150902
20.	ORR, Henry W.	36155682
21.	TEGTMEIER, Raymond F.	37139101

CORPORALS

22.	BROWN, Norman K.	36634795
23.	COATS, Dean H.	39457093
24.	CROOM, Henry J.	34170197
25.	DEMPSTER, Eugene E.	35694198
26.	EPSTEIN, Paul	32348860
27.	FLEMING, Keith L.	39538552
28.	GLIEGE, Paul H.	36367146
29.	GRENIER, Paul J.	31150423
30.	GULA, Steve	33274350
31.	GUNN, Marvin G.	37372770
32.	GUPTON, Cecil G.	34366557
33.	HESS, Oliver W.	35391139

CORPORALS

34.	MARCHAK, Cecil P.	33254925
35.	MUELLER, Fred W.	32350412
36.	MULLETT, Donald E.	20633610

TECHNICIAN V GRADE

37.	DU BRY, Rene S.	39540884
38.	EAKES, Olan D.	34170086
39.	GREENE, Hester C.	34348921
40.	HUBER, Walter	34150871
41.	PLUMB, Victor G.	37208737
42.	ROSCHER, Edward	36155587

PRIVATES FIRST CLASS

43.	BAUER, Elmer E.	35720054
44.	BRIDGES, Iven E.	34596635
45.	CHAVEZ, Meraldo	38168114
46.	CLINE, Ivan L.	35694279
47.	CONRAD, Elwaine J.	35623437
48.	CORNE, Andrew F.	37314183
49.	CRAIG, Richard W.	36635035
50.	CREEK, Charles D.	35574718
51.	CROSSNOE, Charles F.	34327108
52.	DALE, John R.	34170051
53.	DAVIS, Richard G.	35542222
54.	DILIBERTI, Joseph S.	36560636
55.	DINATLE, Harry	35526182
56.	DOPP, Hubert K.	38194347
57.	FAGER, Orville C.	37301083
58.	FIRZPATRICK, James E., Jr.	39292930
59.	GARDNER, Patrick J.	37437260
60.	GIDDINGS, John H.	36248374
61.	GOFF, Frank	35397649
62.	GONZALES, Higinio	38014076
63.	GORYL, William M.	36512722
64.	GROSS, Edgar M.	37389603
65.	GUSTOW, Joe A.	16108247
66.	HAIRE, Vernon O.	38234001
67.	HAMMACK, Cecil J.	34338554
68.	HANKINS, Melvin L.	39528231
69.	HARRIS, Ernest L.	38119602
70.	HAUSKE, Clarence R.	39528326
71.	HAYES, James C.	34359381
72.	HAYNES, John D.	12082158
73.	HEDRICK, Lewis	35391757
74.	HENNESSEE, Claborn E.	34365220
75.	HENRY, Wayne W.	37429873
76.	HIGGINS, Howard B.	38198193
77.	HILL, Burton L.	17074952
78.	HILL, Oliver J.	36191915
79.	HIRT, Sylvester J.	35391813
80.	HOBBS, Ray	34365856
81.	KABZA, John S.	20633643
82.	KLEIN, Frank	33270458
83.	KNUTSON, Ralph E.	37300369
84.	LUDWICK, Albert W.	36155860
85.	MITCHELL, Ervin P.	38165934
86.	POLLICINO, Rocco J.	32736957
87.	STEHLE, Lawrence R.	36155759
88.	STRONG, Don R.	39678465
89.	TOUCHET, Renoudet A.	34150979

PRIVATES

90.	BABIN, Tracy A.	18148937

PRIVATES (Contd)

91.	BAKER, Robert L.	34170042
92.	BEARD, Winford C.	34119335
93.	BENNINGTON, John P.	36658636
94.	BORBA, Harry E.	39044283
95.	BUNNELL, Eldon L.	36155910
96.	CARTWRIGHT, James O.	39697710
97.	CHASE, Julian L.	18167164
98.	CHRISTENSEN, Ortho	39569846
99.	CLOKE, Robert F.	36419934
100.	COLANGELO, Vito A.	36635074
101.	COMARATO, Raffaele A.	32701944
102.	COOK, Melbourne O.	36745411
103.	CRONANDER, Ted E.	36560705
104.	DAVIS, Burton J.	39293467
105.	DOWNS, Thomas C.	35694073
~~106.~~	~~DUNCAN, Richard V.~~	~~39858621~~
107.	DURAN, Arturo C.	38439985
108.	EASON, John R.	39044265
109.	FINNEY, Max D.	39330428
110.	FONG, Cheung	39414064
111.	FRANCHI, Robert W.	36745261
112.	GALLAGHER, Thomas D.	36658666
113.	GOLDSTEIN, Seymour	33325080
114.	GOOD, Harold H.	37300345
115.	GOOT, Theodore F.	31157239
116.	GRAY, Hubbard W.	34348749
117.	GREGORY, Marvin J.	33295199
118.	GROSS, Albert A.	34348149
119.	HARTING, Milton	36366989
120.	HERRERA, Pascual P.	39858427
121.	HOBSON, Wilford E.	36590171
122.	LEE, John J.	39311619
123.	LEPORE, Albert A.	33432775
124.	LIAN, Glenn M.	17084254
125.	LOBNER, Robert C.	37523132
126.	MERRITT, Ira J.	39206054
127.	MORPHEW, Lambert L.	39570135
128.	NULL, Lawrence A.	33496020
129.	PAYNE, William L.	37422582
130.	OLEKSA, Michael, Jr.	33408788
131.	O'NEILL, Francis V.	33480311
132.	OTT, David L.	33496001
133.	PIERCE, Jay L.	14006955
134.	RHODES, Kenneth N.	39044428
135.	ROZIER, Robert E.	39414063
136.	SMITH, Richard T.	39293010

ATTACHED AID MEN FROM 126TH INF. MEDICAL DETACHMENT

PRIVATES

137.	CAMPBELL, Joseph G.	34630622
138.	BRASHER, William A.	38344115
139.	SING, Robert E.	34773659

FRANK O. TODISH
CWO AUS, 126th Inf.
Asst. Personnel Officer

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SHIP LST #4

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PASSENGER LIST

OFFICERS GRADE	NAMES	SERIAL NUMBER
2nd Lt	DWIGGINS, CHARLES A	02034733
2nd Lt	HASS, EDWARD F	02035846
ENLISTED MEN		
1. S/Sgt	Crisp, Walter W	19004041
2. S/Sgt	Marino, Jack	36115105
3. Sgt	Butts, Ernest D	36115180
4. Sgt.	Hoard, Steve B	36210361
5. Sgt	Panks, Oscar F	36115079
~~6. Sgt~~	~~Wiley, Frederick H~~	~~36209690~~
7. T/4th	Ashley, William F	36210128
~~8. T/4th~~	~~Degarmo, Burlam~~	~~36115215~~
~~9. T/4th~~	~~Jedynak, Joseph~~	~~36115229~~
10. Cpl	Benzel, Everrett F	36215513
11. Cpl	Chase, Oson D	36115129
12. Cpl.	Drysdale James A	38044535
13. Cpl	Lieberman, Robert E	36032027
14. Cpl	Milligan, Wilbur W	31097628
15. Cpl	Olszewski, Stanley C	36032822
16. Cpl	Shest, Lewis, M	36210678
17. Cpl	Vandercamp, Henry	36045302
18. Cpl	Wallace, Frank G	36210364
19. Cpl.	Wiechart, John J	36115228
20. T/5th	Dewey, Wilbur J	36115236
21. T/5th	Hunber, Seth O	36115096
22. T/5th	Jones, Melvin D	39304858
23. T/5th	Moyer, John H	36115130
24. T/5th	Sarton, Charles J	36032832
25. T/5th	Votava, Alfred W	36210358
26. T/5th	Relich, Daniel	

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GRADE	NAMES	SERIAL NUMBER
27. Pfc	Adams, Herbert G	36115174
28. Pfc	Bard Wilfred	31044055
29. Pfc	Beardsley, Leland C	36115163
30. Pfc	Beverly, Clyde	35210310
31. Pfc	Borrego, Elpidio R	34205605
32. Pfc	Cohrs, Vernon S	37097896
33. Pfc	Dosson, George W	36115203
34. Pfc	Diehl, Ernie W	36115175
35. Pfc	Evans, Charles E	6969125
36. Pfc	Flemming, Willima O	36052648
37. Pfc	Flores, Luis V	38070329
38. Pfc	Hendricks, Cecil	6274037
39. Pfc	Hodge, John E	36115139
40. Pfc	Lewis, Paul E	35210263
41. Pfc	Nault, Lewis E	36209927
42. Pfc	Parent, John C	36115103
43. Pfc	Ponteri, Jospeh F	33080696
44. Pfc	Shafer, George R	35539497
45. Pfc	Snyder, Albert L	33048856
46. Pfc	Teeple, Stanley E	36115106
47. Pvt	Bridges, Leslie B	35106307
48. Pvt	Burkhard, John M	35035401
49. Pvt	Carline, Jr. Walter W	36115172

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51. Pvt	Dempsey, Walter O	36115149
52. Pvt	Dennison, Zelora E	36633177
53. Pvt	Hall, Cletus, E	36115091
54. Pvt	Harcourt, Claude L	36115232
55. Pvt	Hitchens, James [illegible]	36210165
56. Pvt	Hobe, Loyal D	35205251
57. Pvt	Hotter, Jr. Wendell J	36114818
58. Pvt	Johnson, Dewey P	6298146
59. Pvt	Kelly, John A	35682564
~~60. Pvt~~	~~Klove, William~~	~~36210728~~
61. Pvt	Lagier, Emile [illegible]	39124185
62. Pvt	Lamb, Joseph A	32780421
63. Pvt	Lewis, Cecil P	35216268
64. Pvt	Liville, Howard W	37211365
65. Pvt	Medema, Donald	37450113
66. Pvt	Nelson, Keith L	37331466
67. Pvt	Shearer, Morris C	19030121
68. Pvt	Siewit, Robert E	39826747
69. Pvt	Spear, Harvey E	36210659
70. Pvt	Tafelski, Raymond C	35539493
71. Pfc	Waldron, Curtis, L	38052835
72. Pvt	Woods, Robert C	361152[illegible]0
73. Pvt	Gratsinger, Carl W	32032601
74. Pvt	Lambert, Louis [illegible]	38199423
~~75. Pvt~~	~~Tinkler, [illegible]~~	~~[illegible]956~~
[illegible]. 1st SGT	GRIFFITH, RICHARD	6578573
77. PVT	WOODINGTON, KENNETH	36574955

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Crawford, Erwin	S/Sgt	20811001	Beach, William P.	Pvt	32219886
Drury, Francis H.	Sgt	32289346	Davis, Glen I.	Pvt	66692714
Benson, Edward	Cpl	20615748	Diffendorfer, Wayne G.	Pvt	20553858
Schoonover, Walter H.	Cpl	13088134	James, Mark A.	Pvt	37499499
Darling, Frank R.	PFC	35439762	Koontz, Willie C.	Pvt	35333235
Gosser, Hollis C.	PFC	35488142	Martin, Lawrence J.	Pvt	32299394
Kolb, Lewis R.	PFC	35519542	Patton, Ralph C.	Pvt	35140211
Kwiatowski, Chester J.	PFC	35519459	Pedigo, Clarence E.	Pvt	17076631
~~Toich, Nick M.~~	~~PFC~~	~~39843275~~	Sorel, Peter R.	Pvt	31285709
~~West, Charles M.~~	~~PFC~~	~~11047084~~	Tucholski, Leonard	Pvt	35519488
Austin, Wayne W.	Pvt	36249667	Westfall, Dale F.	Pvt	15077524
Barnes, Raymond T.	Pvt	34074059			

Sturgeon, James M.	2ND Lt	0-470259
Burney, Lloyd V.	S/Sgt	19088536
Hamilton, John J.	Sgt	31142913
Kane, Joseph J.	Sgt	33814680
Gullion, Samuel L.	T/4	37424623
Collins, Charles J.	Cpl	32406478
Demyanovich, John	Cpl	35519153
~~Garrison, Joseph L.~~	~~Cpl~~	~~39151211~~
Burnett, Bruce C.	T/5	38089547
Burns, Everett R.	T/5	35560899
Davis, Carthon W.	T/5	13065625
Hogg, James T.	T/5	19126212
Messenger, Harold C.	T/5	35272789
Miller, Ross L.	T/5	35466081
~~Rizzuto, William~~	~~T/5~~	~~32528334~~
Black, Woodrow	PFC	35639588
Brucher, Henry C.	PFC	33460709
Hansen, Alvin B.	PFC	37550888
Kurantz, Michael	PFC	33322294
Lyle, John H.	PFC	35390384
Nachman, Charles A.	PFC	35364199
Truvally, Charles H.	PFC	11039064
Babcock, Charles	Pvt	32406540
Bostick, Thomas J.	Pvt	34202321
Brown, William E.	Pvt	34577990
Dickman, Gordon J.	Pvt	39845315
Gibson, Elmer L.	Pvt	6861230
Hooven, William C.	Pvt	32292000
Kane, Gerald P.	Pvt	33320596
Lemaster, Ben	Pvt	35413645
Maloney, Thomas E.	Pvt	39375021
Meadows, Charles E.	Pvt	13064329
Nicholson, William A.	Pvt	35208880
Sager, Chester J.	Pvt	35413610
Shine, Timothy J.	Pvt	32428340
Wilson, Robert A.	Pvt	33331690
Dubois, Donald J.	Sgt	32373619
Jones, Keith C.	PFC	39681318
Witt, Stanley P.	Pvt	35319252

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UNITED STATES SHIP LST 466 Friday (Day) 31 (Date) December (Month), 1943

Zone description -10

Position	0800	1200	2000
Lat.		9°32'S	8°55'3S
Long.		149°55'2E	148°55'E

OPERATIONAL REMARKS

(WAR DIARY)

0000-0400

Beached at Beli Beli, Goodenough Island. Six LST's are loading on beach. LST 456, 170, 452, 466, 454, and 22. We have starboard and port bow ~~lower~~ lines secured to shore. Port quarter line secured to LST 454 and starboard quarter line secured to shore. Stern anchor out with 500' of cable at waters edge. Weather overcast, Visibility 10, Barometer falling, Wind 2.

0030 Reported that loading is completed.
0230 Doyle, Robert V., War Correspondent, Milwaukee Journal, aboard for trip.

Ens L Curra
Ens. L. Curra

0400-0800

Beached as before. Weather overcast.
0530 Condition 1-Mike set.
0703 Retracted from beach.
0722 Underway for White Beach persuant to operation Plan 4-43 of CTF76. Echelon M3-76.2.1
0723 All engines ahead two-thirds.
0726 Passing through Moresby Straits.
0735 Course 176°T., Steering 177° p.g.c.
0742 Speed: 255 r.p.m.
0744 Formation open column. Two columns of LST's, 3 in each column are proceeding together in a convoy.

Ens. C. Macmurdo
Ens. C. Macmurdo

0800-1200

Base course 176°T. Steering 177 p.g.c.
0800 Position: Passing through Moresby Straits.
0820 Steering course 180° p.g.c.
0840 Right standard rudder.
0844 Base course 255°T.
0909 Bearing: Cape Mourilyan 118°T, Right Tangent Nova 085°T. Dodogessa Island 023½°T.
0920 Gyro error by Azimuth 1°W.
0924 Left Tangent Dodogessa 032°T., Cape Mourilyan 109°T.
0955 Bearing: Ipoteto Island 266 3/4°T., Glenn Island 236°T.
1011 Bearing: Glen Island 230½°T., Ipoteto Island 269°T., Cape Womoba 344°T., Cape Mourilyan 094°T.
1035 Base course 265°T.
1042 Base course 280°T.
1045 Base course 307°T.
1053 Bearing: Ipoteto Island 281¼°T., Cone Peak 269°T., Sebiribire Pt. 205°T., Glen Island 195°T.
1100 Magazines and powder samples checked. Normal.
1112 Ipoteto Light on port beam, distance 1 1/10 miles.
1128 Nine APD's on port side proceeding south.
1128 Base course 309°T.
1143 Base course 306°T.

H. N. Miller
Ens. H. N. Miller

Approved:
H. M. Graham
Commanding Officer.

Examined:
W. E. [illegible], Lt(jg) USNR
Navigator.

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1200-1600

Base course 306°T. Steering 308 p.g.c. Speed standard 250 r.p.m. all engines. Gyro error 1° west. Formation Dog. Convoy consists of six LST's in two columns proceeding to Buna. Right column is LST's 452, 466 and 170; left column LST 454, 456 and 22. No escort. Position: Lat. 9°32'S, Long. 149°55'2E.

1230 LST's 456 and 22 in second change places making order of that column LST 454, 22, and 456; left
1430 Left rubber to course 300°T. Cape Nelson bears 308°.
1455 Left rudder to course 280° p.g.c.
1500 Ships in column two 454, 22 and 456 form behind column one.
1514 Right rudder to course 290° p.g.c.
1518 Right rudder to course 300° p.g.c.
1524 Right to course 308°T.
1545 Right to course 317°T. Lining up on range.
1546 Passing Ham reef light abeam.

J F Norberg
Ens. J. F. Norberg

1600-1800

Base course 308°T. Gyro error 1¼°W. Steering 315° p.g.c. Speed Standard. R.P.M.'s 250 all engines. Visibility 50. Convoy formation Dog, single column.

1601 Steering various courses to get on range.
1620 Four (4) planes sighted bearing 350° relative, elevation 5°.
1621 One (1) plane sighted bearing 270° relative, elevation 10°.
1625 Base course 350°T.
1710 Base course 305°T. Steering 303 p.g.c.
1740 Base course 270°T.
1745 Liberty Ship escorted by S.C. passing on port side heading south east.

Ens. L. Curra
Ens. L. Curra

1800-2000

Base course 270°T. Speed standard. 250 r.p.m. all engines.

1810 Degaussing set to new heading.
1900 Telemotor bled.
1925 Sunset, ship darkened.
1930 Base course 307°T. Steering 307° p.g.c.

J F Norberg
Ens. J. F. Norberg

2000-2400

Base course 307°T. Speed 250 r.p.m.'s. Order of ships is single column, "Dog" formation: LST 452 as guide, then LST's 466,170, 454, 22, and 456. Convoy proceeding to Cape Sudest, New Guinea for further orders.

2000 Position: Lat. 8°55'3S, Long. 148°55'E.
2148 Meeting ship approaching dead ahead. Right ~~starboard~~ STANDARD rudder to 318°T. to clear. One short blast on whistle.
2153 Left to base course 307°T. Steering 309° p.g.c.

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2215-2217	All engines 2/3, 1/3, stopped. Drifting approximately 3 miles off Cape Sudest as LCS approaches.
2230	LCS alongside with orders 29 December, 1943 from Commander Task Force Seventy-six - Operation Plan 4-43. LCS picks up Walkie-talkie radio to be delivered to Captain Mallard.
2240	LCS shoves off.
2255	Speed 1/3. Underway for White Beach. Four (4) destroyers join Convoy and tug.
2258	Speed 2/3. Base course 307°T.
2259	Speed standard.
2340	Easy right to course 315°T. as we ~~measure~~ MANEUVER past ships anchored off Buna.
2342-2346	Steering various courses as we maneuver past ships off Buna.

H. N. Miller
Ens. H. N. Miller

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